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INTRODUCTION

As the primary agency for implementation of Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is carrying out a variety of international cooperation projects focusing on technical cooperation for developing nations and regions under the motto of, "Human Development, National Development, Bringing People Together." Through its projects, JICA transfers technology to the people of developing countries and works to improve the living environment of local people. As described in this report, many people in developing countries have benefited from these activities, which are contributing to their socioeconomic development.

On the other hand, against a backdrop of progress of globalization and frequent outbreak of regional conflicts in recent years, new assistance requirements involving, for instance, assistance with transition to market economy and peace-building are emerging. The importance of global topics such as the environment, HIV/AIDS and poverty is also growing. In order to appropriately respond to these diversifying assistance needs, JICA is also turning to multifaceted means of assistance by strengthening country-specific and issue-specific approaches and promoting participatory cooperation.

In its March 2000 Report on Reform of Japan's ODA Evaluation System, the ODA Evaluation Reviewing Panel and the Evaluation Working Group of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs recommended measures for dealing with problems with current ODA evaluation and improving the system. Based on these recommendations, JICA is working actively to expand and strengthen its evaluation system toward the implementation of more effective and efficient cooperation.

JICA has always worked to expand its project evaluation. In order to promote these efforts further, JICA integrated its Department of Planning with its Office of Evaluation and Post-Project Monitoring in January 2000, thereby establishing a system in which the results of evaluation are more smoothly fed back into planning sections. Along with the diversification of both cooperation content and assistance approaches, a pressing task has arisen in the field of evaluation: the development and establishment of evaluation methodologies that are adapted to this diversification. As always, JICA will continue to make efforts to improve its evaluation methodologies and content while taking into consideration viewpoints offered from various sources.

This report is the sixth we have issued to date. It includes the results of all evaluation studies carried out in FY1998. When implementing these evaluation studies, we enjoyed the participation of not only our own personnel but also a great number of contributors working outside of JICA. It is my sincere hope that this report will further deepen the reader's understanding of JICA's undertakings, including its evaluations.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved for their continual support and cooperation toward JICA's activities and I would greatly welcome your suggestions and opinions regarding this report.

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Evaluation survey published in the FY 2000 Report on Project Evaluation



This is an abbreviated map that does not reflect actual national boundaries and locations. Country names indicated on the map include only those countries that were subject to the evaluation studies described in this report.

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